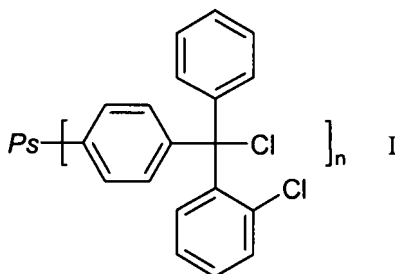
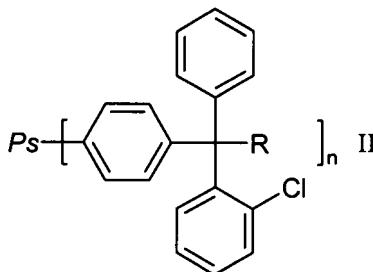


**In the Claims:**

1. (Previously presented) A process for the preparation of solid phase bonded 2-chlorotrityl chloride (2-CTC resin) of formula I



wherein Ps is a polymeric support and  $n$  has the following meaning:  $1 \geq n > 0$  comprising the reaction of solid phase bonded 2-chlorotrityl of formula II



wherein R is OH or/and  $\text{OC}_{1-4}\text{-alkyl}$  or/and  $\text{NR}'\text{R}''$

wherein R' and R'' independently of each other represent  $\text{C}_{1-4}\text{-alkyl}$ , or R' and R'' together with the nitrogen to which they are bonded represent a 5 to 8 membered heterocyclic radical

in the presence of HCl and dioxane.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Canceled)

4. (Canceled)

5. (Original) The process according to claims 1 wherein  $n$  is  $0.9 \geq n \geq 0.5$ .

6. (Original) The process according to claim 1 wherein the reaction temperature is between 0 and 110°C.
7. (Previously presented) The process according to claim 1 wherein the HCl content in dioxane is > 0 to about 40 g/100 ml.
8. (Original)The process according to claim 1 wherein the reaction time is 6-96 h.
9. (Original) The process according to claim 1 wherein it is carried out in a single percolation or in repetitive percolations.